An. Code, sec. 17. 1904, sec. 16. 1888, sec. 14. 1874, ch. 66. 1894, ch. 191.

16. He shall receive and carefully file among the records of his office all extracts of deeds transferred to him by the clerk of the court of appeals under said act of 1874, chapter 66, and all such as shall be transmitted to him by the clerks of the circuit courts for the counties and the clerk of the superior court of Baltimore city, and when he shall receive a sufficient number of such extracts from the same county to form a record book of the proper size, he shall cause the same to be well and substantially bound in leather and placed among the records of his office; and the comptroller of the treasury is hereby directed to issue his warrant for such sum or sums of money as from time to time may be necessary for the cost of such binding and for the purchase of index books and for the repair and rebinding of other record books in the land office, upon a certificate of the correctness of the same given by the commissioner of the land office, and the sum of one thousand dollars or so much thereof as may be necessary is hereby appropriated annually for said purposes.¹

An. Code, sec. 18. 1904, sec. 17. 1888, sec. 15. 1874, ch. 66. 1876, ch. 257. 1894, ch. 191. 1900, ch. 318. 1902, ch. 261.

17. He is authorized and empowered to continue the indexing of certain land records and extracts of deeds which were transferred to the land office from the court of appeals under the said act of 1874, chapter 66, and such extracts of deeds and mortgages and all other extracts of records of real estate as shall be received by him from the clerks of the circuit courts for the counties and the clerk of the superior court of Baltimore city. He is also authorized to purchase, receive and collect books, papers, records, relics and other memorials connected with the early history of Maryland prior to the revolution, during and since the revolution. He shall have charge of the same and preserve, print, re-bind, repair, classify and take proper care of the same. Any gifts to the State of any such shall be under his care and protection.

An. Code, sec. 19. 1904, sec. 18. 1888, sec. 16. 1874, ch. 66. 1876, ch. 257. 1892, ch. 282. 1902, ch. 261.

18. The comptroller of the treasury is directed to issue his warrant for such sums as are now necessary and may from time to time hereafter become necessary to meet the cost of making index books and binding extracts of deeds, mortgages and other extracts authorized to be made and continued by the preceding section and for the further costs and expenses incurred in carrying out and performing the duties required in the preceding section upon the order of the commissioner of the land office, and the sum of one thousand dollars, or so much thereof as shall be necessary, is appropriated annually for such purpose.

An. Code, sec. 20. 1904, sec. 19. 1888, sec. 17. 1852, ch. 361, sec. 1.

19. Upon application in writing of any person claiming to be entitled to any of the British confiscated lands sold by the commissioners appointed

¹ By act of 1908, ch. 606, commissioner of land office is directed to have transcribed or rebound such records in his custody as may require same, and an appropriation is made therefor.